



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter: MRI Support Services, Inc.

File: B-259273

Date: December 15, 1994

DECISION

MRI Support Services, Inc. protests the award of a contract to Advantaged Health Education Center by the Department of the Air Force under solicitation No. F41636-94-R-0261, raising several issues regarding the Air Force's conduct of the procurement.

We dismiss the protest.

MRI first alleges that the agency violated Federal Acquisition Regulation § 15.611(b)(3) by not providing it with a written common cutoff date and time for submission of best and final offers (BAFO). While the agency did not provide it with a written BAFO due date, MRI was not prejudiced because MRI was verbally apprised by the agency of the BAFO due date and submitted its BAFO by that date. Thus, this issue provides no basis for sustaining the protest.

MRI next protests that the agency did not promptly respond to its protest of October 7 that Advanced Health should not be considered a responsible offeror; the agency responded by letter of October 25. MRI contends that the agency's October 25 response was not promptly made. There are no regulations governing the precise time for an agency response to a protest filed with it. Moreover, we see nothing unreasonable with an approximately 2-week response timeframe.

MRI also complains about certain pre-award contacts between a representative of Advanced Health and MRI employee and Advanced Health's failure to comply with certain documentation requirements after award. Neither complaint involves a violation of law or regulations and therefore does not provide a valid basis for protest.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald Berger".

Ronald Berger
Associate General Counsel